

BEN'S MUSIC STUDIO

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CALENDAR AND POLICY SHEET FOR 2011-12

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SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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Grey Shaded areas are holidays. Black line in Jan separates Term I and Term II
 Each term has 18* lessons for a total of 36 lessons for the school year.
 (*Note: Mondays in Term 2, and Fridays in both Term 1 & 2 have 17 lessons.
 Adjustments in fees will be made.)
 TERM I — Sept 8 - Jan 30
 TERM II — Jan 31 - June 11
 Student Recital: Fri, June 1st (tentative)

TUITION FOR 2010-11

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 PER FAMILY FOR SCHOOL YEAR. (non-refundable) The registration fee allows our students to receive all computer printouts (song sheets, tabs, charts) for the entire year (does not include regular method books).

Lesson length	Lessons with Ben Schenstead:	
30 min lessons	\$450/term (18 lessons per term) Term 1: 5 installments of \$90 dated Sept thru Jan Term 2: 5 installments of \$90 dated Feb thru June	
45 min lessons (saving of \$25/term)	\$650/term	5 installments of \$130
60 min lessons or two family members (saving of \$40/term)	\$860/term	5 installments of \$172

Tuition for each term may be paid in 5 equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month by post-dated cheques or cash. Note that while certain months may have more or less lessons, the monthly installment remains the same. Your monthly installment allows you to pay the entire term's tuition for 18 lessons over five months.

Monthly payments for Term 2 are dated Feb through June (5 months). Therefore the 5th installment for June, which may have only one or two lessons, is the same as previous installments since you paying the term's tuition in five equal payments. You may prepay for an entire term, in which case a 5% discount applies.

If you cannot send post-dated cheques, please forward your cheque dated for the 1st of the month on the last lesson of the preceding month. If you pay with cash, be sure to obtain a receipt from your teacher. If a monthly installment is not received by the 15th of the month a \$5.00 overdue fee may be added. 30 days notice must be given for discontinuing lessons, or in lieu one month's installment tuition.

MISSED LESSONS

The tuition you pay is for your time-slot on your teacher's schedule. Make-up lessons cannot be given for any reasons except the following: when 24-hour notice is given for sickness, or if sudden extreme weather conditions occur. If a student cannot attend the lesson for reasons other than those listed above, the lesson is forfeited.

If the teacher cannot attend a lesson, then it is our responsibility to either: (a) provide a qualified substitute teacher, or (b) give a make-up lesson, or (c) give a refund for that lesson. (Adjustments in lesson fees will be given at the end of each term, or upon termination of lessons.) DO NOT expect make-ups for social activities, concerts, family outings, hockey games and sporting activities.

HOW LONG DO LESSONS GO?

Although we do not require you to sign term contracts, we do expect our students to take lessons through the end of Term 2. There are only one or two lessons in June (depending on the day of the week), so this should not interfere with school exams and outdoor recreation. If you feel that you or you child simply cannot take lessons in June, please let us know beforehand so that those lessons normally taken in June can be rescheduled in May. Students who participate in our year-end recital are required to complete the entire term.

PRACTICE

To make your lessons worthwhile, regular practice is ESSENTIAL. We suggest parents sit down with their children and devise a weekly schedule that includes daily music practicing. For very young beginners (5-6), 20 minutes a day may be sufficient. For most young beginners, however, 30 minutes a day is a reasonable goal. Students who have taken lessons for a while should practice 45 minutes on average. Intermediate and advanced students should practice an hour a day. If you miss a day of practicing due to another commitment, don't worry about it; just get back on track the next day.

If children make an effort to achieve goals while practicing, they will feel a sense of accomplishment, which in turn builds confidence and self-esteem.

Some suggestions:

- 1) Make daily music practice an expectation, but not a punishment. It is helpful to have this scheduled at the same time each day and this will help it to become part of the "normal" family routine.
- 2) Use a timer. These inexpensive wind-up clocks or digital timers can be bought at department or discount stores and provide a time goal for your children to meet.
- 4) A reward incentive given upon completion of practice period will help motivate your child, such as some privilege or activity they may enjoy. Give plenty of encouragement and praise for any effort or progress shown, however small!
- 3) Television, video games, computers, internet, social networking, etc. all compete for your child's time. Extracurricular school clubs, sports and other activities, though worthwhile, can also compete with music practice. If music is being "squeezed out" of your children's schedule, consider limiting or adjusting other activities to allow adequate time and energy for music practice.
- 5) If you are a teen or adult student, schedule practice time beforehand in your weekly schedule, and reward yourself at the end of each week (or day) for meeting that practicing goal.

Thank you for registering with Ben's Music Studio. It is my goal to help my students develop a life long love of music, and to achieve their full musical potential on the guitar in whatever style they prefer. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to share the wonderful gift of music with you and am looking forward to working with you over the two terms. Best wishes to everyone for a great musical year!

Ben Schenstead, Guitarist